

Title: God's Judgment and a Hope for His People

Text: Isaiah 10-11

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1. Was there ever a correction that you didn't like at first but later appreciated? Share your story.
2. Most of us are trained to think in "if/then" logic — if I do this, then that happens. Eat junk food, gain weight. Work out, get stronger. But the Bible often talks about consequences differently: God is also active, shaping circumstances in response to what people do. Read Genesis 37:23–28 & 42:6–22, Jonah 1:4–16, and 2 Chronicles 31:20–21. What connections do you see between the circumstances and actions in these stories?
3. Read Isaiah 10:1–6 and 10:24–25. God's justice causes people to experience the wrong they have done to others. For Judah, this meant experiencing the exploitation and domination they had shown the poor, widows, and orphans in their society. How does this kind of justice lead people to repentance and life change? Is this kind of justice similar or different from how you've thought about justice before?
4. The sermon explained that the Assyrians were the tool that God used to confront and remove Judah's sin. How is it that God can use evil to correct evil? (Read Genesis 50:20 for help!) Have you seen God do that in your own life?

5. In our culture, we tend to trust things that are brand new over things that are restored or refurbished. Unfortunately, we can also carry those values into relationships — confident in fresh starts with new people but skeptical about growth and restoration in ongoing ones. Isaiah shows us that when God restores, what He creates is even better than just being “new”. Have you experienced relationships becoming deeper and stronger after correction and change?

6. Isaiah 10 ends with the picture of a remnant: people marked by intentional faithfulness to God instead of looking like the culture around them. Intentionality is what keeps us following God when so many other voices grab for our attention. What are simple and practical ways you are intentional about...
 - a. ...your relationship with God?

 - b. ...growing as a disciple of Jesus?

 - c. ...bringing justice and peace where God has you?

7. Isaiah 11:1–9 is a vision of a world made whole under Jesus’ rule. What stands out to you most in these verses?